



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2005**

Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Roger Goodman, Larry Hill, Mary Alice Knotts

Members Absent: Kim Murillo (excused), Yasmin Smith (excused)

Staff Present: Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Dana Boales (nominee); Ardi Bury, Recovery Centers of King County; Michelle DiMiscio (nominee); Harvey Funai, Bob Leonard, Deb Schellman, DASA Region 4; Beratta Gomillion, Ramona Graham, Center for Human Services; Jenna Henderson (applicant); Tim King, (applicant)

Due to extended meeting of the CD Youth Providers, Board Chair Linda Brown did not convene the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting until 12:35 p.m. The meeting was held at Mount Olympus Room of DASA Region IV offices, located at 400 Mercer Street, 6th floor, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Brown welcomed everyone present. She acknowledged Tim King, an applicant. She then asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

II. MINUTES

Joan Clement made a motion which was seconded by Mary Alice Knotts to approve the December 16, 2004 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. PROVIDERS' CONCERN

Joan Clement said that as she listened to the questions during the GAIN presentation, it was evident that some smaller agencies are concerned about the implementation of this assessment tool. She asked providers to identify their concerns about the GAIN implementation.

Anita Hidalgo stated that a small agency like WAPIFASA is concerned about the amount of training their staff will need and their time away from clients. Jim Vollendroff responded that the GAIN training will fulfill the required continuing education for their clinicians.

Board Chair Linda Brown repeated the concern several agency providers have about the need for laptop computers. She suggested exploring private sources such as Gates and other foundations as potential funding sources for computer resources. Jim Vollendroff, with the support of Harvey Funai, has asked DASA to help fund laptops for agencies as part of a GAIN implementation demonstration project. Board Chair asked if a letter of support for the request to DASA would be helpful. Jim said that it would be. With the agreement of the Board Linda will draft a letter of support.

Jim Vollendroff emphasized the positive aspect of GAIN implementation. The information that can be derived from GAIN will be invaluable in supporting grant development and in providing information to guide future program planning and development. A growing number of programs such as Reclaiming Future project are requiring providers to use the GAIN instrument. Work is underway to include TARGET data requirements in the GAIN to limit duplication of effort. While King County is, at present, the only County implementing the GAIN, ACHS is recommending statewide implementation of this assessment tool.

Jim invited the Board and agency staff to attend GAIN training on February 25, 2005 at 11am – 12:30pm at the Exchange Building, 3rd floor Board Room, 821 2nd Avenue in Seattle. Mike Dennis, Ph.D, who designed and developed the GAIN instrument, will conduct the training. This will give the attendees a first hand opportunity to learn more about the tool.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Board Membership

Before formal action was taken on Jenna Henderson's application for Board membership, Ms. Henderson stated that she has attended three board meetings and found them to be helpful and informative. The Board is delighted to have a young adult on the Board.

Roger Goodman made a motion which was seconded by Nancy Code to approve the nomination of Jenna Henderson to the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Chair Brown informed the Board that Roger Goodman and Joan Clement's term on the Board will expire in March of this year. Both agreed to continue to serve on the Board for another term.

Nancy Code made a motion that was seconded by Larry Hill to re-appoint Roger Goodman and Joan Clement to the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board for another three-year term. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Recovery Park Update

Board Chair Brown and Suzanne Wietting of Fairfax Hospital attended the Delridge Community Center meeting where there was a strong support for the inclusion of a Recovery Garden in the planning for the Park. The Park Department will continue to work on the plan. There is no date for the next community meeting.

C. Request from Jackie MacLean

Linda received a request from Jackie MacLean, Director of the Department of Community and Human Services to attend a Board meeting to talk with the Board about the priorities of the Department and to discuss Board plans and goals. Board Chair Brown will arrange a date for Ms. MacLean to attend a Board meeting.

D. Liaison Reports

Roger Goodman, Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee

The committee has not met this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd at 4:00pm-5:30pm at the Exchange Building Conference Room 6A.

The Governor's Budget proposal for new substance abuse funding of \$54M was discussed. Jim said that originally the \$54M was to come from the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) and that MAA had agreed that this amount which represented expected savings in medical costs related to substance abuse treatment. However, in the latest available budget information part of the \$54M is taken from the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Aging. Given the pressing budget problems in Mental Health, the Board decided to write a letter expressing support for the \$54M coming from MAA instead of the Divisions of Mental Health and Aging. Board Chair Brown will work with Jim Vollendroff and Roger Goodman in putting together this letter of support. She will also suggest to the Mental Health Advisory Board that they send a similar letter.

Mary Alice Knotts, Children and Family Commission

Mary Alice reported that she attended the CFC meeting for the first time last week. She found the meeting to be informative and helpful. She learned where money resources are coming from and got to know new people. She looks forward to attending their future meetings and learning more about the commission.

Joan Clement, Chronic Populations Action Council

Joan Clement passed out copies of the Legislative Priorities of the County which includes annexation reform, homelessness, and day reporting. Joan called the

Board's attention to an outstanding editorial on homelessness by Seattle City Attorney Tom Carr published in the Seattle Times last month. She recommended sending letter of appreciation to Attorney Tom Carr for his excellent editorial.

Larry Hills made a motion that was seconded by Joan Clement to write a letter of appreciation to Attorney Tom Carr. The motion was passed unanimously. Linda will draft a letter from the Board.

Another agenda item at the last CPAC meeting was about the issue of IMD that if implemented, the County will lose 215 beds. An agency that has over 16 beds will now be considered an institution.

The new Medicaid rules were put off until July 2005. The new rules would take away the flexibility on the use of Medicaid funds.

Linda Brown, King County Mental Health Advisory Board

The Board has a number of legislative concerns including parity issues. NAMI Lobbying Day was held last Monday during the Martin Luther King Day in Olympia.

V. DRUG AND ALCOHOL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. ATR Update

Kris Zawisza has been hired as Project/Program Manager for Access to Recovery program effective January 17, 2005.

An ATR RFP will be put out soon to select a single agency to be responsible for the implementation of the program. Eighty to 88 clients will be admitted monthly under this program. King County's target start date is March 2005.

B. Drug Court Update

Judge Laura Inveen has been replaced by Judge Wesley SaintClair. Judge SaintClair is interested in expanding drug court.

C. Criminal Justice Update

Jim stated that he is pleased with the way the criminal justice programs are developing. Of the \$3 million allocation for the biennium, approximately \$80,000 remains for the next six months of the biennium. Approximately \$1.4M for the biennium will be distributed by formula based on Best Practices.

D. Department of Community and Human Services Priorities

DCHS priorities are employment, criminal justice, and homelessness.

E. Grant Update

The grant proposal for services focused on the Native American/Pacific Islander population will be submitted next week.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Copies of DASA Events Calendar for 2005 were distributed. The calendar also contains success stories of people who are recovering from alcoholism and substance abuse.

Michelle DiMiscio expressed a desire to have a mentor from the Board members to fully understand the process and issues currently discussed at the Board meeting. Jenna Henderson would like to be given a Liaison assignment as soon as her appointment is processed and completed. Board Chair Linda Brown will follow up on these requests.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Linda Brown
Board Chair